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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the parentage of the application does not appear immediately after the title.

MPEP1893.03(c). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by *Organic Letters* (2001), 3(1), p. 25-28, cited by applicant in the IDS. The reference teaches the synthesis of a β -aminoketone from an α,β -unsaturated ketone and a carbamate using a Pt salt catalyst (abstract; examples).

Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Greenwood et al, *Chemistry of the Elements*, 1985, p. 1337-1338. Applicant's catalysts are known compounds, for instance, *Chemistry of the Elements*, a standard reference work in the chemical arts, teaches PtCl_4 . Additionally, salts of this type may be recrystallized from water (thus giving access to the hydrate).

With specific respect to claims 7 and 8, the examiner notes that the introductory language of a claim drawn to a process of using a composition does not constitute a new use, since the old composition possessed the property and applicant's merely discovered this property. *In re Tomlinson*, 363 F.2d 928, 150 USPQ 623 (CCPA 1966).

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This is so because a compound and its properties are inseparable. *In re Papesch*, 315, F.2d 381, 137 USPQ 43 (CCPA 1963). (See also: Recitation of the intended utility into the preamble of a compound claim which can otherwise stand alone is not considered a further limitation on the claim. *In re Ridden*, 318, F.2d 761, 138 USPQ 112; *In re Maeder*, 337 F.2d 875, 143 USPQ 248; *Ex parte Maxey*, 177 USPQ 468 (POBA 1972); *In re Spada*, 911 F.2d 705, 15 USPQ 2d 1655 (Fed. Cir. 1990). A preamble setting forth a new use does not render a known or obvious composition patentable. *In re Tuominen*, 213 USPQ 89 (CCPA 1982); *In re Pearson*, 494, F.2d 1399, 181 USPQ 641 (CCPA 1964); *In re Zierden*, 162 USPQ 102 (CCPA 1969)).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0638. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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